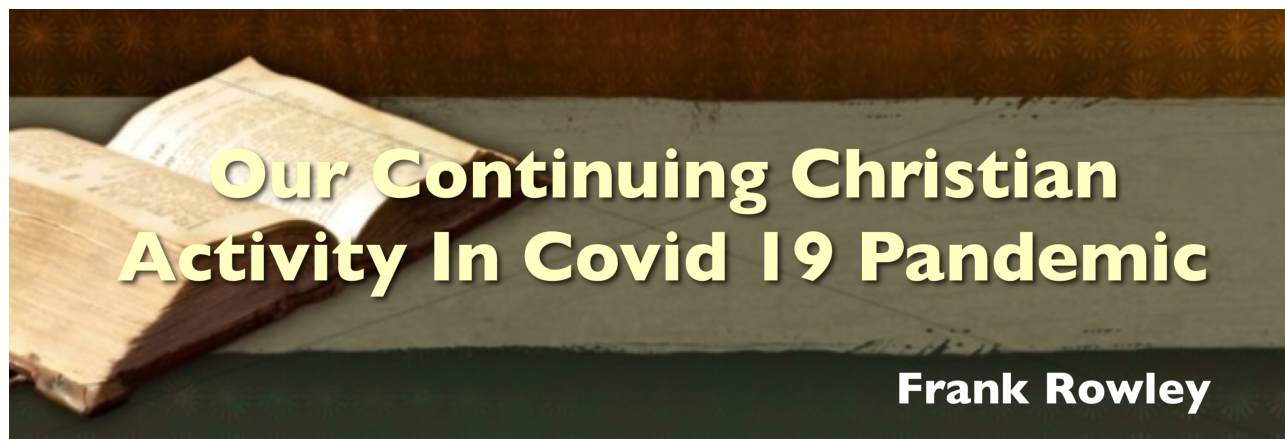


FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELISTS AND MINISTERS

By Grace - Through Faith (Eph.2:8)

## September 2021 Newsletter



*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16:15.*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" Luke 4:18*

### We Look Up during Lock Down

There are many lockdowns. Hospital. Hospice. Prison.

Christians have and will continue to look to the heavens because their major help comes from the Lord of Glory.

We Live by Faith not by Pandemic Fear

Our faith in the Saviour is the solid foundation on which we as Christians live our lives. Our love for Him should leave no place for fear in our hearts.

### We Are Characterised by Power in the Holy Spirit

The wonderful difference between believers and non-believers is the indwelling of the mighty Holy Spirit. He gives us wisdom on a daily basis as we request it. He gives us directions and guidance in all matters. Family, friends, Church fellowships.

### We Have Deliverance from Dystrophin Fear

There is a fog of fear laying over the world because of COVID-19. Dystopian is a word describing society characterised by human misery, as squalor, oppression, disease, and overcrowding. We have deliverance from fear by allowing the love of God to cast out fear in our hearts and minds.

### We will Continue to Witness Gospel Truth to the World

Through use of electronic technologies we are able to preach and share the saving Gospel of the Cross of Calvary across the entire world. iPad is my personal method of achieving this each day. You will have your own way of fulfilling the great commission of Mark 16:15 *“He, Jesus said to them, “Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to the whole human race”.*

### We Pray in Faith for Family and Friends

Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26 *May the Lord bless you and take care of you; May the Lord be kind and gracious to you; May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace.*



God bless to all and we hope that you are keeping safe and well through these difficult times. As with most churches we have had a challenging 18 months however, we have seen and witnessed the Lord's blessing.

We have had a significant increase in congregation size. People have been finding us in a number of ways; some local people and some from the 'Find a Church' site. A large number of tracts have gone out into the community with positive results and people attending meetings.

We have recently had a believer's baptism which was a great blessing to us all.

We have two young children attending with their parents and we have been able to start a Sunday School for them. The youngsters go out with the teachers mid-service to the back hall. They have been working through the days of creation and making a collage. They have been enjoying putting this together and learning something from the Bible.

We have been promoting the zoom P.W.M.I. (Prophetic Witness Movement International) meetings which have been taking place on the last Saturday of the month at 7pm. If you have missed any and you want to view them they are available to watch on YouTube.

We were able to host a 'Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry' teaching weekend recently which was a great blessing.

Meetings have been arranged with guest speakers from 'The Faith Mission' and 'Trinitarian Bible Society'. Later this year we also have 'The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry' back again for a couple of days.

Our meetings are more or less back to normal now with midweek Prayer/Bible and Sunday worship. We are still trying to be careful and sensible due to covid, but grateful that we are able to meet in fellowship and continue the work here in Birkdale.



*Grace led my roving feet  
To tread the heavenly road  
And new supplies each hour I meet  
While pressing on to God  
(P Doddridge)*



It is a wonder that God does supply us with new strength, understanding and love, for we are so prone to cold hearts and proud thoughts. It has been so long since we were able to meet together, share fellowship and just enjoy being part of FEM. But, yet the work must still go on, as Christians we never stand still, “we are always going forward or back-sliding”, as my old pastor used to tell us.

Although things have been so different than what we are used to, the Lord’s work goes on, every day. There are still no village chapels, where I often preach, open yet and witnessing for the Lord is not easy. Our Monday phone-in meeting is still going well, we get around a dozen each week. We have gone ahead and book people to speak at the winter meetings, which may be back at Chapel, these will take up to the end of October, I am booked to take two of them.

A new work for me has been letter writing. I write to two of the people that do not join the phone-in plus a couple of others from chapel and further afield. Illness and old age (in their 90’s) mean that they find it hard to reply, but that’s no problem and when I do get a note from them it’s wonderful. Even more wonderful is that this past week I have had two of them say that they have used part of my witness about Christ Jesus, in their letters to others.

I always try and include an illustration about Christian life; the following is one that was well received:-

I read the following story last week, pray it lifts your spirit. It’s from a sermon by Charles Hemington who was minister for over 25 years at the Old Baptist Chapel, Devizes at the end of the 1800’s. Preached on July 18th 1880, in London. The text was Exod 33:18. “*And he said, I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory.*” This is how he told it, at the end of his sermon:-

There was a good deal of ridicule upon a poor unschooled poor godly slave because of his religion: and those who were around challenged him to stand up and explain to them how God had saved him. Well, he dug in the earth and pulled out a large worm, which he put down on the ground; and then he drew a white ring all around the worm and put some straw round the ring and set fire to it; and they look on. By-and-By, the worm began to wiggle and to writhe; but before he allowed the worm to suffer any torture he took it up in his fingers and held it up before the eyes of those around him and said, "That is what Jesus Christ has done for me. Me, that poor worm and the flames of hell were gathered around me; but the blessed Jesus came and He took me out of the fire and saved me by His grace." Was that not like the salvation of God?

Well, we both do pray that you are all well and that the Lord has indeed blessed you as you hold fast to Him. To quote William Romaine, "Blessed is he who lives out of the pulpit what he says in it, and knows his doctrine to be truly experience: so may it be with you."

May the Eternal God bless and keep you all safe in His powerful arm's.

Such is the prayer of your servant in Him.



For I determined not to know any thing among you,  
save Jesus Christ, and him crucified (1 Corinþians 2:2).

# Dig For Victory

Ian Rowley



During ww2 the government started 'Dig for Victory' because the Germans knew that the merchant ships were bringing in 55 millions tons of food into Britain. The enemy knew this and set out to starve Britain into submission and of morale.

U-boats, battleships started to sink the merchant ships.

So the 'dig for victory' campaign started.

Lawns and flower-beds were turned into vegetable gardens.

Over ten million instructional leaflets were distributed to the British people. The propaganda campaign was successful and it was estimated that over 1,400,000 people had allotments.

Rationing started but the dig for victory helped.

My Father Eddie Rowley was a gunner on the merchant ships via the royal artillery.

My mother often used the word 'gunner', gunner do this and gunner do that?

Before we produce any fruit or veg we have to prepare the ground, then germinate the seeds on a warm window sill. Even a plastic covered greenhouse or glass one.

We have to dig, prepare the ground then plant.

I had to dig the veg patch four times to get the weeds out and make the soil aired and ready.

Once ready we can plant, weed and water and wait. The sun does the work. [Son] Dig for Victory.

Study and dig deeper it's fun what the Lord reveals, 'Well it makes me smile' it feeds, weeds the world out and refreshes like the water does the fruit and veg.

You will grow, produce fruit.

We will grow, increase in fruit and pass this on to feed others too.

This is the crutch, as we grow in faith and joy we will be soldiers for the Lord, the Great Commission will become our mission.

Matthew Henry wrote:

Nor is it enough not to hold the truth in unrighteousness; we should desire to hold forth the word of life, and to shine, giving light to all around. Great encouragement is given to those who prove themselves faithful hearers of the word. Doers of the work.

Dad's bible that he got when his father passed it on to him at the age of 13, I received it much later in life, but received it all the same. We dig and we share and pass it on.

Dig for victory

As we are nourished by the fruit of our labours Joy, then the Lord will nourish you through his word, friends and spiritual growth. You will be fed as you dig, more joy.

We don't need power or strength to do this, that's in the Lords hands. We just need to plant that seed and leave it there, there is nothing more we can do. Our Frank enlightened me on this, when talking about his lovely garden and flowers.

In Luke it says 'The seed is the word of God'.

But that's not enough, we don't have to give our testimony, you can if you wish but rather ask what in the bible troubles them into not believing.

Give them some scripture to think about, the Holy Spirit can work mysterious wonders we can never.

Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Many people are lost, hopeless and don't see a future.

This meant so much to me when I was saved?

But of course there is so many pieces of scripture to choose from, where the spirit leads.

Plant the seed and let the Holy Spirit melt a heart of stone and give warmth, life to a lifeless sinful heart.

We have a Great Commission: We need the armour to go into war, marching on under the banner of God.

Ephesians 6:13-17 *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God'. We have a mission.*

God bless to all at FEM.

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For the  
joy  
of the  
Lord  
is my  
strength.  
NEHEMIAH 8:10





I'm uncertain if things will ever get back to normal, then again, was anything quite normal to begin with? I suspect that many congregations will close their doors because of future restrictions, mainly because so multitudes are living in fear rather than faith. I do not write that to ridicule anyone, but nevertheless it does concern me from an eschatological point of view. I believe the devil has revealed his plan of action for these last of the last days. The world, by and large, has taken the bait, and he is reeling in the nations and preparing them for the implementation of the Mark of the Beast, after the Church has been Raptured into the presence of the Saviour. That said, I do believe that difficult days lay ahead for us while we await that glorious event. As we see so many drifting away, we must stand strong, not alone, but together.

*Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

That is a very important and appropriate verse for the days we are living in. It's not just a word of admonition, it is a prophetic word to remind us of the present circumstances leading up the the final hours of the last days. We see so many, if not all, the signs converging; converging for the first time in history, and teaching us to look up, be watchful, and be ready.

I have begun writing a new verse by verse commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews, which I plan to publish on Amazon next year. I have read over twenty commentaries in preparation for this, and have several more to go before I start compiling the study from my copious notes. Hebrews, though written to Jewish Christians who were drifting away from Christ and back into Judaism, has a vital message for us Gentiles today. “*Today*” is a word used several times in the letter to state how important it is to turn back to the Lord and obey the words and leading of the Holy Spirit. Yet many commentators, who seek to protect their denominational theology, twist and distort the warning passages in Hebrews by claiming they are hyperbole or only figures of speech. If Hebrews teaches us anything, it is clear that we must compare Scripture with Scripture to arrive at the truth, or as Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15, “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*”. The Bible is indeed its own best commentary. That has always been my view, and will be throughout my Hebrews study / commentary.

In these desperate days it is vital that we continue to stand up for the Gospel as well as standing in it. We need to teach and preach the saving power of Christ and Him crucified. Hebrews continuously states that Jesus is “*better*” or superior to the Law, ritual, religion, angels, and everything and everyone else we can see and cannot see. He is truly King of Kings and Lord of Lords, so we cannot do anything better than proclaim His wonderful name far and wide. We have one message - let’s take it to the world.

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